

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Southern)
Union Company, d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy,)
for a Certificate of Convenience and)
Necessity Authorizing it to Construct, Install,)
Own, Operate, Control, Manage and Maintain)
a Distribution System to Provide Gas Service)
in Lawrence County, Missouri, as a New)
Certificated Area.)

Case No. GA-2011-0367
YG-2011-0626

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its Recommendation, states as follows:

1. On June 10, 2011, the Commission issued its *Order Granting Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity* (Order) in the above-captioned case. This Order approved a new and expanded service area in an adjacent portion of Lawrence County for Missouri Gas Energy (MGE), a division of Southern Union Company.

2. MGE filed tariff sheets on June 10, 2011, bearing an effective date of July 10, 2011, to comply with the Order.

3. Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets filed by MGE on June 10, 2011, and is of the opinion these sheets are in compliance with the Commission's Order. *See* Staff's Memorandum attached as Appendix A and incorporated herein by reference.

WHEREFORE, for the above-stated reasons, Staff respectfully recommends the Commission approve MGE's tariff sheets in File No. YG-2011-0626, or in the alternative, allow the tariff sheets to go into effect by operation of law on July 10, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 15th day of June 2011.

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